

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested a new title that is clearly indicative of the invention. The Examiner also required corrections to the specification. The title and specification have been amended herein and withdrawal of the objections are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kihara (U.S. Patent No. 6,212,097).

Independent claim 1, as amended herein, recites in part as follows:

“A data processing device comprising:

a data storage means for storing an access permission table stored in media;

...

in response to an access command to access said data storage means, which is issued by said control unit, said memory interface unit determines, by referring to the access permission table, whether or not to execute the access command, whereby processing which is set executable by the access permission table is only executed.”

It is respectfully submitted that Kihara as applied by the Examiner (hereinafter “Kihara”), does not appear to disclose such features of claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to be distinguishable from Kihara.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to claim 1, amended independent claims 13 and 22 are believed to be distinguishable from Kihara.

Independent claim 10 recites the following "wherein, in said data storage area, an access permission table in which permission information on block-unit data processing in the data storage area is set is stored." It is respectfully submitted that Kihara does not appear to disclose such features of claim 10. Accordingly, claim 10 is believed to be distinguishable from Kihara.

Claims 2-9, 11, 12, and 14-21 depend from one of claims 1, 10, and 13, and, due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from Kihara for at least the reason previously described.

In the event, that the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where, in the reference, there is the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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